**COMMUNISM AND THE LEADER CULT**

**national and transnational perspectives**

**University of Manchester, Friday 6 December 2013, 10-5**

Arthur Lewis Building (boardroom), Social Sciences, University of Manchester (no 36 on campus map <http://www.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/travel/maps/>)

10. 00  **registration and welcome**

10.15   **Kevin Morgan** (Manchester) ‘“History knows no parallel”: the internationalisation of the communist leader cult under Lenin and Stalin’

11.00   **coffee**

11.15   **Sarah Davies** (Durham) ‘Stalin on the Stalin cult’

 **Marietta Stankova** (London) ‘Georgi Dimitrov: National Leader and International Hero’

12.45   **lunch**

1.45     **Balázs Apor** (Trinity College, Dublin) ‘State building and cult construction in Hungary from the 1930s until 1956’

 **John Bulaitis** (Canterbury) ‘Maurice Thorez in the biographical matrix’

* 1. **coffee**

**3.30 Mario Kessler** (Yeshiva University, New York) ‘Ruth Fischer and German communism’

 **Norman Laporte** (Glamorgan) ‘From “public face” to *Führerkult*: the cult of Ernst Thälmann in German communism’

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